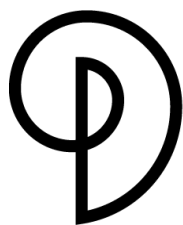


# SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



**PRINCE  
OF PEACE**  
Called to Connect



## Called to Be Followers of Jesus

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It's one thing to be called. It's another thing to be called to something. We all share a common call to be disciples, to be followers of Jesus. Discipleship is our most foundational and fundamental identity. We are called together to be a community of disciples. The call to discipleship is one calling with varied expressions that get lived out in unique ways in each of our lives.

## SCRIPTURE TEXT : MATTHEW 4:18-22

Read the scripture text together as a group.

### BACKGROUND INFO

Respectable rabbis waited for students to choose them. Only the most radical of sages were reputed to choose their own disciples. Matthew is flagging the reader that Jesus is no ordinary rabbi. Jesus promises that along the way, he would show them how to fish for people. In scripture, God sometimes used people's occupations to shape their calling. For instance, God called Moses from being a shepherd of sheep to being a shepherd of God's people out of Egypt and into the promised land. Jesus is following God's pattern, calling fishermen to fish for people. That, of course, raises the question as to what it means to "fish for people". If these disciples were faithful to their calling, then Acts reveals that it means to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom as seen through the lens of the death and resurrection of Jesus. It's an invitation into a movement, a worldview, a way of being and relating in the world.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What does it mean to "follow Jesus" today?
- The disciples "immediately" dropped what they were doing to follow Jesus. Why? How do you think they could trust him so quickly?
- What does it mean to "fish for people" today?
- How were you called to be a disciple, a follower of Jesus?
- What's been your experience of "fishing for people"?

**APPLICATION:** This week, how can you lean into your unique calling and "fish for people"?

*Additional Resource: The Stories We Live by Kathleen Cahalan\**

*\*This sermon series is based on concepts from Cahalan's book. This week's sermon and study guide following along with Ch. 2.*